

In April 2011, Northampton's Solid Waste Reduction and Management Task Force presented recommendations to the Board of Public Works in anticipation of the regional landfill closure in mid-2012. Promoting reuse was at the top of their list as a means to reduce waste. The Task Force urged the BPW to "explore a sustainable plan to establish and operate a reuse center and/or resource recovery park...and appoint a task force to create volunteer-run reuse programs until a more permanent center/park can be identified and established."

The Board of Public Works is now seeking applicants for a "ReUse Committee", an ad hoc task force which will evaluate opportunities for the establishment of a permanent reuse facility, as well as sponsor periodic events, develop partnerships with existing reuse organizations and engage in other reuse initiatives. The application form is available [here](#) as well as at the DPW office. Submissions will be accepted by the Board of Public Works until September 15<sup>th</sup>.